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Midnight Mugging

Liquor trick used to assault engineer; car, valuables looted near J.K. Grounds

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS)- Miscreants who sought help from an engineer to buy liquor assaulted him and fled with his cash, silver jewellery and car. The incident occurred around midnight on Nov. 12 near J.K. Grounds, and a case was registered on Sunday.

The victim, 42-year-old Akash Aditya, a resident of a layout near Hadajana, was robbed of his 20-gram silver chain, 40-gram silver bracelet, Rs. 1,000 cash, debit and credit cards and his Maruti Baleno car. Akash lodged a complaint at the Mandi Mohalla Police Station after receiving treatment at a hospital.

Drop off request

According to the complaint, around 12.30 am, Akash — who has taken up a swimming pool construction contract at a hotel near Metagalli — stopped near City Railway Station for tea before returning home. Three unidentified men approached him and asked where they could buy liquor at that hour. When he said he didn't know, they requested a drop off at Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Akash agreed, and all three boarded his car. Near the bus stand, one of them stepped out, spoke to a man waiting by the roadside and returned to the car. A few minutes later, the same man approached the car with a liquor bottle and asked for payment. The trio told Akash they did not have enough cash and would repay him shortly. Akash paid for the bottle.

Forced to drive

The men then asked him to drop them back at the Railway Station.

(See MUGGING on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 18th November 2025

Diploma in Co-op. Management

Mysuru, Nov. 18- The Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management, located at Sahakara Bhavan, Chamaraja Double Road in city, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to 6-month Regular Diploma in Co-operative Management and Diploma in Co-operative Management through Distance Learning mode.

The candidates must have a minimum qualification of a pass in SSLC and meet other specified requirements.

The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Institute office in city or District Co-operative Union office at Sahakara Bhavan in Mysuru or District Co-operative Union Office at Ashokanagar 1st Cross, Mandya or at District Co-operative Union office, District Administration Complex, Chamarajanagar. Last date for submission of application forms along with the required records is Dec. 15.

The courses will start from Jan. 1, 2026 and all the admitted candidates will be provided a monthly stipend (Rs. 600 for SC/ST candidates and Rs. 500 for all other candidates) during the course of training.

For more details, contact Ph: 0821-2520563 or Mob: 99021-89872 or 98459-18519 or 95352-50704 or 73536-55908, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SHIMMERING FLAME OF RESILIENCE: ***A few years ago, a friend had found herself in a fragile state, being fiercely blitzed by a number of flustering issues, when a freak accident had claimed her spouse's life. Reeling under the tragedy's ravages and ramifications, she'd often talk about how the unexpected event, being unsettling and unnerving, had unhinged a little universe built by her.***

Slowly, she tried sloughing off self-pity and started seeing how even her solitary existence could be of some significance to several others, since she was already into rendering services to a spastic society during her spare time. Soon, her melancholic life appeared to gain momentum, offering her emotional comfort, as she got more involved with her meaningful and magnificent work.

And then, yet another friend had extricated herself from a bad marriage when her child was just 18 months. Gradually, gathering wits, garnering support from genuine relations, she galvanised herself into getting on in life, with grit and gumption. Her life, which looked bleak and baleful in the beginning, soon blossomed into a beautiful one, with her being busily engaged in a blizzard of activities. Eventually, she even embarked on an exciting expedition by opening an eco-friendly store. Most importantly, she has always been a huge support to her 26-year-old daughter. Truly, "To the world, you may be someone; but, to someone, you are the world!"

Surely, such superhumans can rightfully be compared to a splendid lamp, while their 'selfless life' is like the lamp's 'shimmering flame.'

The lamp, by itself, may be of little worth. But, by its luminous light, it can proffer lashings of lustrous glow to things around. If the lamp's oil is symbolic of the spirit, spunk and steely persona of these humans, the lamp's slender wick could be equated with the whopping love of their well-wishers.

Yes, besides the oil and wick, the lamp also needs oxygen to remain lighted for a long time. This oxygen is analogous with ample 'self-care' — a cardinal aspect to which these humans have always affixed value; a person can tend to others with extreme care/love only if s/he is exceedingly fit! After all, holding an empty vessel, one cannot simply expect to serve others the epicurean delicacies!

— Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Oldest living grapevine is 416 years old

Zuoba: A 416-year-old wild grapevine in the mountains of eastern Tibet was recently acknowledged by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living vine.

This Methuselah of grapevines was discovered in Zuoba Village, Tibet's Zogang County, by mistake, during a survey of ancient and notable trees in Changdu city. Scientists later confirmed its age (416 years) through ring analysis and physical measurements.

Reaching about eight metres high, with a ground girth of 209 centimetres and a trunk diameter of 67 centimetres, the new world's oldest vine is an impressive-looking specimen. Finding a wild grapevine thriving in the mountains of Tibet, at an altitude of over 2,400 meters, is unexpected, but also a testament to nature's resilience and patience.

Artist turns objects into 3D sketches

New York: There is virtually nothing that artist Joshua Vides cannot turn into black-and-white sketches.

Joshua uses a technique he calls Reality to Idea (RTI) to revert different objects back to sketch form, but few people know that his success story began with a pair of Nike Air Force 1 shoes.

About a decade ago, he came across a copy of the Nike designer's original sketch for the popular footwear, so he came up with the idea of hand painting a real pair of Air Force 1s in black and white using his RTI technique.

He posted the end result on his Instagram page and it blew up! Vides followed it up with several versions of sketch shoes and their success inspired him to take his Reality to Idea technique to the next level.

While he was still reeling from the massive success of his expertly sketched Air Force 1 sneakers, Vides got the idea of making a car his next big project.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Jashne Eid Meelad-un-Nabi and Gharveen Shariff celebrations held

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS) - Jashne Eid Meelad-un-Nabi and Gharveen Shariff was celebrated under the Chairmanship of MLA Tanveer Sait at a function organised by DCC Member Majeed Ahmed and Tousif Ahmed of Sagar Cement in Bannimantap 'A' Layout in city recently.

Congress leader Abdul Khadar Shahid, Azeez Sait Block Congress Committee President Syed Iqbal, DCC Minority Department President Mohammed Khaiser, Spokesperson Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, Showkath Ali Khan, Abdul Gafoor Azad, Muslim Burial Ground Management Committee Secretary Khurath Ali Khan, social worker Nasir Ahmed, Afsar Pasha, Syed Abbas of ABS Group, Shabnam Sayeed, Shabuddin, Abdul Rehaman, Syed Rehamath Ulla, former Corporator Basheer, Mohammed and others were present.

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Today's level **123.74 feet**	Today's level **2,279.62 feet**	Today's level **2,849.04 feet**
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Today's Inflow **3,845 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **168 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **83 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,537 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,875 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,550 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The word 'Squirrel' comes from Greek for shadow tail: All tree squirrels belong to the genus Sciurus, which comes from the Greek words "skia" (shadow) and "oura" (tail). The name reportedly reflects tree squirrels' habit of hiding in the shadow of their long, bushy tails.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Make a sentence using the name of weeks, that is Monday, Tuesday...*

John: *Monday went to Tuesday to see Wednesday and asked Thursday whether Friday told Saturday that Sunday is a holiday!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 88.64
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.68
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.13
1 Euro	= Rs. 102.82

VOICE OF THE READER

Issuance of property e-khatha: A suggestion

Sir,

More often, much hue and cry regarding the issuance of e-khatha is observed, with the State Government issuing varied statements every day, keeping the general public in utter confusion.

It is also clear that the Government wants to achieve cent percent issuance of e-khatha for all properties. But the very cumbersome procedures and requirements in this regard act as a deterrent for the public to go for it.

The first and foremost issue is visiting Government offices in person with the necessary hard copies, standing in long queues and waiting for the designated officer, who is rarely present at his seat on time.

The present days are a digital era, wherein one can easily complete all banking transactions, including opening accounts, from home by providing the required information online.

The Government should simplify the procedure and minimise requirements by enabling online submission of soft copies of the e-khatha application and other minimal documents, along with provisions for online fee payment.

This would encourage the public to participate in this project more actively and in large numbers, while the Government can devise safeguards to ensure the genuineness of applications.

Of course, the authorities can call for any additional required documents online at any stage before issuing the e-khatha. Once all formalities are completed and the e-khatha is ready, the applicant may be asked to visit the office in person (if necessary) to collect it; otherwise, it can be sent by post and duly recorded in office files.

I earnestly hope that the authorities concerned will look into this suggestion and act swiftly.

I am sure that, if implemented, it will go a long way in minimising the time and money spent by the general public, reducing the role of middlemen and helping the Government achieve its goal of cent percent issuance of e-khatha without any hiccups.

—S.R. Sreenivasa Prasanna
Vijayanagar 1st Stage
16.11.2025

MLC seeks 50% concession in train fares for journalists

New Delhi, Nov. 18 (DM)- Karnataka MLC K. Shivakumar, who is also a senior journalist, has urged the Ministry of Railways to re-introduce the 50 percent concession in train fares for journalists. He was speaking after inaugurating the National Press Day organised jointly by New Delhi-based Press Club of India (PCI) and Accredited Journalists Association at New Delhi on Sunday.

Senior journalist and MLC K. Shivakumar felicitating senior journalist Veenita Yadav during the National Press Day event in New Delhi on Sunday as Accredited Journalists Association President V.S. Chaturvedi and others look on.

Pointing out that the Union Government has withdrawn the 50 percent concession for journalists in train fares which existed earlier, Shivakumar, who spoke on the topic 'Ambedkar and Journalism,' said he severely opposed the discontinuance of the concession.

"The Karnataka Government has come up with a few programmes for the economic empowerment of journalists, which included health insurance and introduction of a new advertisement policy. Realising that journalism is a powerful weapon in bringing about social reforms, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar started a newspaper 126 years ago. Ambedkar, who was the Architect of the Indian Constitution, was also a dedicated journalist with firm views. Dr. Ambedkar, with support from Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, started his own newspapers such as *'Mooknayak,' 'Bahishkrit Bharat,' 'Janatha'* and *'Prabuddh Bharath,'* the MLC said.

Noting that journalism keeps the people updated on news and other matters, he said that journalism takes credit for instilling confidence and strength among the masses during the freedom struggle. He wished that this legacy continues with the same vein, integrity and fearlessness, Shivakumar added.

Accredited Journalists Association President V.S. Chaturvedi, senior journalists Gautham, Sunil Parashar and others were present on the occasion.

MRC Eye Hospital conducts special eye camp at AIISH

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS)- As part of Children's Day, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in collaboration with Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Hospital, a service project of the Mysore Race Club Charitable Trust (MRCCT), had organised a special eye health screening camp at AIISH premises in city recently.

A total of 398 specially-abled children underwent comprehensive eye screening during the camp. Free eye-care support including eye drops, guidance and preventive-care advice was provided to all the beneficiaries.

The medical guidance and counselling was led by Dr. Ganesh Sathyamurthy, Vitreoretinal Surgeon, who emphasised the importance of early detection, regular vision check-ups and parental awareness in ensuring better eye health outcomes for children with special needs.

AIISH officials thanked the Mysore Race Club Charitable Trust for its continued support and expressed that such collaborative initiatives play a key role in improving the quality of life of specially-abled children.

Gandhi Shilp Bazaar at JSS Mysuru Urban Haat

A Confluence of Indian Handicrafts

Mysuru, Nov. 18- The JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, located on Ring Road in Hebbal, Mysuru, is drawing art lovers and shoppers alike with its vibrant crafts festival 'Gandhi Shilp Bazaar' featuring nearly 50 stalls showcasing and selling exquisite handicrafts and handloom products.

The Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, organised here, has become a major attraction, delighting visitors with a diverse range of traditional crafts available at affordable prices — directly from artisans to customers. From Ramanagara district, Halesh's beautifully crafted clay pots and terracotta artworks are particularly popular, attracting many buyers and enjoying brisk sales.

Equally eye-catching are the metal craft creations by Poosharam Ramawat from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, which captivate craft enthusiasts with their intricate workmanship.

The stall of Shobharani from Venkatagiri, Andhra Pradesh, is another highlight, offering elegant Kalankari sarees and dress materials that draw significant attention.

The bazaar features an impressive array of crafts from across the country — Karnataka's wooden carvings and the famous toys of Channapatna,

Tamil Nadu's renowned Kanchipuram silk sarees, Kerala's bed sheets and table covers, decorative jute products and wall hangings, Jharkhand's Tussar silk sarees, floor mats crafted by artisans from Delhi and Goa and Bihar's Tussar sarees.

Altogether, handicrafts and handloom creations from about 20 States are on display, offering visitors a rich cultural experience.

Gandhi Shilp Bazaar will run till Nov. 20, from 10 am to 9 pm, with free entry for all.

NEWS BRIEFS

MLA Yatnal to visit city tomorrow

Yatnal

Expelled BJP MLA from Vijayapura Basanagouda Patil Yatnal will be arriving in city tomorrow (Nov. 19) to take part in a programme organised by Hindu Jagruta Vedike, Mysuru, at Kalamandira in city tomorrow. Yatnal, a firebrand Hindutva leader, who will be arriving in the city at 11 am, will be accorded a rousing welcome by members of the Vedike at Manipal Hospitals Junction on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, from where he will be brought in a rally of vehicles to Kalamandira, according to a press release issued by the Vedike.

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken underground power cable laying works at Narasimhaswamy and Jayalakshmipuram Power routes coming under Vijayanagar Power Distribution Centre, there will be power disruption tomorrow (Nov. 19) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Temple Road, Gokulam, around Easy Day, K.D. Road, Jayalakshmipuram, Hinkal, Vijayanagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple and surrounding areas.

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) will take up its quarterly maintenance works at Chamalapura Power Distribution Centre, there will be power disruption tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Kodagahalli, B.C. Halli, Turaganur, Ankanahalli villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to the EEs, CESC, V.V. Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

Safari resumes at Bannerghatta

The non-AC bus safari service, which was stopped at Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru after a leopard attacked a woman on Nov. 13, has resumed.

Training on coconut farming issues

The Horticulture Extension Education Unit, College of Horticulture, Yelwal, Mysuru, has organised farmers training programme on 'Scientific Approaches to Coconut Farming Issues' on Nov. 25 at 10 am. Experienced Coconut growers, scientists, processors and traders will participate as resource persons. Farmers may register by calling Mob: 81479-59226 or 93419-97297, according to College of Horticulture Dean Dr. C.N. Hanchinamani.

CM Siddaramaiah meets PM Modi, seeks nod for projects, funds

New Delhi, Nov. 18- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi here yesterday and presented a 5-point charter of demands to him, highlighting the State's concerns over sugarcane pricing crisis and long pending irrigation project clearances.

Underlining the recent unrest among sugarcane farmers in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah conveyed the PM that the State had put in place an interim arrangement mandating an additional payment of Rs. 100 per tonne of sugarcane, with the Government itself sharing Rs. 50 of this burden. Terming the arrangement a stop-gap solution, the memorandum argued that the core issues lay with the Centre.

The CM urged the Prime Minister to revise the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for sugar — fixed at Rs. 31 per kg for several years — and also to ensure assured offtake of Ethanol from Karnataka's distilleries.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi yesterday.

Continuing, Siddaramaiah pressed for urgent intervention to break the deadlock on Multiple major irrigation projects, several of which have been awaiting Central approval for years. These included Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir project across river Cauvery along Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II, Upper Bhadra and Kalasa-Banduri.

While requesting the Centre to direct the Central Water Commission to expedite clearance for the Mekedatu project, Siddaramaiah sought an immediate Gazette Notification of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal's award that has been pending over a decade.

The Chief Minister made a strong case for setting up an AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) at Raichur, to boost healthcare infrastructure in Kalyana-Karnataka region.

Siddaramaiah further brought to the Prime Minister's notice accumulated dues of Rs. 13,004 crore from the Centre to the State for implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) project aimed at providing piped water connection to every household.

On disaster relief, Siddaramaiah sought Rs. 2,136 crore under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for damage caused by this year's unprecedented rains, which affected 19 lakh farmers, damaging crops on 14.5 lakh hectares.

The CM expressed hope that the Centre would extend support on both immediate concerns and long pending structural issues affecting the State.

Congress delegation urges DC to expedite modalities of GMA

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (PM&DM)- With the State Cabinet giving its nod for the formation of **Greater Mysuru Authority (GMA)**, a delegation of the City and District Congress recently submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy urging him to expedite the modalities regarding the formation of GMA.

Speaking after receiving the 17-point memorandum, Lakshmikanth Reddy said that CM Siddaramaiah has given some instructions on the formation of GMA at a meeting held recently and the proposal in this regard is being prepared accordingly, which when completed, will be sent to the Government. The opinions and suggestions of the public will be suitably incorporated in the preparation of the project's DPR, he added.

The memorandum came up with suggestions such as — Easing of vehicular traffic movement in the heart of the city; Priority for expansion of Airport, Railway Infrastructure and Road Transport network; Space for Green Zone; Priority for waste disposal and maintenance of hygiene; Attraction of investors; Upgradation of the education sector; Tourism boost; Increasing the number of Wards in accordance with the wider scope of GMA; Promotion of Real Estate Industry; Conservation of available water resources, control of environmental pollution, providing quality power etc.

KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former ZP President B.M. Ramu, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa and others were present.

Man attacked with daggers dies; wife orchestrates attack

Rajendra

Nanjangud, Nov. 18 (KS)- A man, who sustained grievous injuries after a brutal assault by a gang allegedly hired by his wife, has succumbed to his wounds at a private hospital in Mysuru.

The deceased has been identified as Rajendra, a resident of Hadinaru village in the taluk.

He was attacked with daggers and machetes and had been battling for life for nearly 20 days before he died on Sunday.

His wife Sangeetha — who allegedly masterminded the plot to eliminate him — and the three-member gang that carried out the attack are currently in Judicial Custody.

The incident took place on Oct. 26, when Rajendra was taking Sangeetha on his scooter near Hunduvinahalli Layout. Three assailants arrived in a car and attacked him with lethal weapons, attempting to stage the assault as a dacoity bid before fleeing the spot.

Nanjangud Town Police registered a case and formed a special team to trace the attackers. During the investigation, CCTV footage from the area raised suspicion about Sangeetha's role.

She was arrested and during interrogation, she confessed to giving a supari to her brother to get Rajendra killed and make the attack appear like a dacoity attempt. Rajendra, who suffered multiple deep injuries, had been undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mysuru until he succumbed on Sunday.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS)- V.V. Puram Police have found a body of an unidentified man at the Bus Stand, opposite PKTB Hospital on KRS Road in city, on Nov. 14 and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 40 and 45 years, 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, dark complexioned, sports beard and moustache, has a mark of a wound on his left heel and was wearing a white, green and black coloured full arm shirt, blue track pant and maroon coloured shorts.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Srinivas

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Srinivas (Railway Srinivas), a resident of city, passed away yesterday. He was 74.

He leaves behind his wife Bhuvaneshwari, son S. Aravind (former Director of The Mysore Co-operative Bank), daughter Archana, daughter-in-law Shilpa, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Sridhar Joshi

Sridhar Joshi (84), a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Reviving heritage: Trust to restore 10 ancient temples

Newly-appointed office-bearers of the All India Old Temple Renovation Trust, Mysuru Chapter, take a pledge to uphold the mission of temple conservation.

Sri Lakshmikantha Temple, Bilikere, Mysuru district.

Shree Brahmalingeshwara Temple, Udupi

10 temples identified for renovation

- Sri Lakshmikantha Temple, Bilikere, Mysuru district
- Kere Thonnur Venkateshwara Temple, Melukote, Mandya
- Makkala Maramma Temple, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar
- Bhujangeshwara Temple, Chamarajanagar
- Vaikunta Narayanaswamy Temple, Talakad, Mysuru district
- Virupaksha Temple, Mulbagal, Kolar district
- Shree Brahmalingeshwara Temple, Udupi
- Sri Panduranga Swamy Temple, Kabir Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru
- Kumarabeedu Jain Temple, Bogadi Road, Mysuru
- Sri Karaya Mahalingeshwara Temple, Karaya Village, Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (PM&BCT)- In a significant step towards preserving *Sanathana Dharma* and reviving India's ancient temple heritage, the All India Old Temple Renovation Trust (AIOTRT) launched its Mysuru Chapter yesterday.

The Trust, founded in 2022, aims to restore dilapidated Hindu temples across India and abroad, with a focus on safeguarding cultural and spiritual legacies for future generations.

Speaking at the Mysuru Chapter inauguration ceremony held at a private hotel on JLB Road, Trust Founder and National President Ravi Kumar Jain announced that ten temples across Mysuru and other districts in Karnataka have been identified for immediate restoration.

"The number of ancient temples in India has declined from 17.5 lakh in 1947 to just 7 lakh today. These temples are not only places of worship but also custodians of our civilisational values. Their preservation is essential for the protection of *Sanathana Dharma*," he said.

The Karnataka State Chapter of the Trust was established six months ago and the Mysuru Chapter has now formally commenced operations. The Trust plans to mobilise local community support, engage with Government Departments and seek assistance from major Temple Boards and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to facilitate restoration efforts.

D. Rajesh Belankar, President of the Mysuru Chapter, said that Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has expressed support for the initiative. He has also recommended beginning restoration works at the historic Sri Lakshmikantha Temple at Bilikere, which is over 200 years old.

Most of these temples are not under the jurisdiction of any Government Department, highlighting the urgency for community-driven restoration.

Before the event, newly appointed office-bearers of the Mysuru Chapter took a pledge to uphold the mission of temple conservation.

The event was attended by Karnataka State President Prithviraj Jain, Mysuru Chapter Secretary Raju, Vice-President Anil Jain, Treasurer Chaitanya Kumar, Joint Treasurers Mariswamy Nayak and Marigowda and members Balaraj, Puttaraju, Jayaprakash, Keshav, Prakash, Devaraj, Manjunath and Kantharaj.

Laksha Deepotsava at Hinkal, Teppotsava at Paduvarahalli

As part of last Kartika Masa puja on Monday, Laksha Deepotsava was held at Sri Nanneshwara Swamy Temple Kalyani in Hinkal, Mysuru, in a grand manner. Picture right shows the Mahadeshwara Swamy Teppotsava held at Sri Varasiddhi Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple Kalyani in Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar), Mysuru, last evening in the presence of thosands of devotees, who chanted 'Ughe Madappa.'

Koorgalli wildlife rescue centre runs out of space

Pressure mounts to fast-track another wildlife rehabilitation facility at Yelwal

A view of Chamundi Wildlife Conservation Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Koorgalli.

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (MTY&BCT)- With human-wildlife conflict rising in villages bordering Bandipur and Nagarahole forests, pressure is mounting to expedite the establishment of an earlier proposed wildlife rehabilitation centre at Yelwal, Mysuru, to care for captured tigers and leopards.

Due to intensified capture operations involving conflict-prone tigers and leopards in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, the existing Chamundi Wildlife Rescue, Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli — part of Mysuru Zoo — is facing an acute shortage of space to house newly captured carnivores. In this context, the Forest Department's long-pending proposal to construct a new rehabilitation facility has gained renewed momentum.

The Chamundi Wildlife Rescue, Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli, under the jurisdiction of the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK), spans 132 acres and provides a natural environment suitable for the care and upkeep of rescued animals.

Until recently, tigers and leopards captured in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Mandya regions were sent to the Koorgalli Centre. However, due to space constraints, surplus tigers are now being transferred to the Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre in Bengaluru.

Space shortage at Koorgalli

The Koorgalli Centre can accommodate only 10 tigers and 10 leopards. While the enclosures built a decade ago were adequate then, the number of captures in the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar-Kodagu belt has surged in recent years, leading to overcrowding and a shortage of enclosures for carnivores.

The Centre currently houses 12 tigers (7 female, 5 male), 10 leopards and 4 rescued elephants. Of the 11 tigers recently captured — 10 from Saragur and 1 cub from Hunsur — five have been accommodated at Koorgalli, while two newborn cubs were shifted to Bannerghatta.

Additionally, a tigress captured with three cubs in the Gundlupet buffer zone has been relocated elsewhere for monitoring. Due to lack of space, future captures are also likely to be sent to Bannerghatta.

Recovery cases

Of the 12 tigers at Koorgalli, only two arrived in a debilitated condition. Three months ago, in the Kundakere range of Bandipur, two tigers fought fiercely, leaving one collapsed in a farmer's field with serious injuries. It was captured and moved to Koorgalli for treatment.

On Nov. 8, a 12-13-year-old male tiger was caught near Hale Heggudilu village in Saragur with a snare wound around its neck and broken teeth due to age. Unable to hunt, it had attacked a farmer. Despite their critical condition, both tigers have now recovered and are feeding normally. A 1.5-year-old male cub rescued from a biogas pit in Saragur has also recovered after care at the center.

Reuniting cubs with their mother

On Oct. 18, a 1.5-year-old female cub was captured near Badagalapura in Saragur. On Oct. 28, a 6-year-old tigress was caught near Anjanapura–Eregowdanahundi, and on Nov. 5, another 1.5-year-old female cub was captured in Hediyala range. The three were identified as a mother and her offspring and forest staff, along with veterinarians, successfully reunited them.

The tigress has three cubs — two have been captured, while the third continues to evade capture. Efforts are on to capture and reunite with its mother.

Expansion plans

"Construction of new enclosures is underway at Koorgalli. However, due to current space constraints, newly captured animals were sent to Bannerghatta. But as the construction of the new enclosures is under speedy progress, animals captured henceforth will be treated there."

— P. Anusha, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru woman found dead in Kodagu check-post

Husband, friends in soup for trying to dump body in forest

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (RK&BCT)- Police investigations into the death of a 45-year-old woman from Mysuru have revealed that her husband and two of his friends were transporting her body in a car, allegedly to dispose of it in the thick jungles of Siddapura-Madikeri route.

Their plan was foiled when Forest Department personnel intercepted the Haryana-registered Alto car (HR-26-CE-9273) at Maldare-Lingapura forest check-post in the early hours of Saturday. An Unnatural Death Report (UDR) has been registered at Siddapura Police Station.

The deceased is Nankidevi (45), a resident of Kumbarakoppal in Mysuru and originally from Bhamboor village in Sirsa district, Haryana. Her husband, Rakesh Kumar and his friends Vikas and Satveer, are now in Police custody.

Dies by suicide

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Siddapura Sub-Inspector (SI) Manjunath said their investigation indicated that Nankidevi died by suicide. He said Rakesh and his friends attempted to dispose of the body in forest to avoid Police involvement.

According to the investigation, Nankidevi attempted suicide on Friday. Around 8 pm, while Rakesh was at work, she reportedly called him during an argument, threatened to end her life and then disconnected the call.

Rakesh rushed home, broke open the door with help of neighbours and found her hanging. She was reportedly still breathing at the time. Neighbours and house owner, Bhajan Lal, advised him to take her to hospital.

A Police team from Siddapura later visited Kumbarakoppal and verified these details, SI added.

Drive to Madikeri

Bhajan Lal even handed over his car to Rakesh to take Nankidevi to a Mysuru hospital. However, instead of heading to the hospital, Rakesh and his friends drove towards Madikeri. By the time they left Kumbarakoppal, Nankidevi had died, and the trio allegedly decided to abandon her body in the jungle.

Hunsur-Maldare stretch is densely forested, but the accused were unaware of Forest Department check-post and were caught. Police said the trio even stopped en route and consumed liquor while the body remained inside the car.

At about 1.30 am, house owner Bhajan Lal called Rakesh to enquire about Nankidevi. Rakesh allegedly misled him, saying her condition was stable.

Police said, Rakesh was Nankidevi's second husband. Her first husband, Ramkumar, is still in Haryana and reportedly unwell. She had eloped with Rakesh and moved to Mysuru one-and-a-half-years back, where Rakesh worked as carpenter.

Police said the trio may face charges related to unlawful transportation and attempted disposal of a dead body. With Nankidevi's relatives refusing to travel from Haryana, the Police will obtain consent from Rakesh for post-mortem, which is scheduled for today. The body has been kept at the Madikeri General Hospital mortuary.

Tigress darted at dawn after night-long chase

She had killed a farmer at Mullur

Staff rescues 3 cubs in high-risk operation

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (MTY&KS) - A tigress responsible for the recent killing of a farmer at Mullur in Saragur taluk was captured early this morning and her three cubs — one male and two females — were rescued by the Forest Department.

The tigress is estimated to be around eight years old, while the cubs are between 35 and 45 days old. She had littered five cubs in total (three males and two females). Two cubs rescued earlier were already shifted to the Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre in Bengaluru.

In the wake of consecutive tiger attacks leading to human casualties in Saragur and H.D. Kote taluks, the Forest Department had intensified combing operations using domesticated elephants Bhima, Mahendra, Sugreeva, Prashantha and Srikanta.

Refuge in a marshy patch

Around 7 pm yesterday, officials monitoring Mullur village with a thermal drone located the tigress and her three cubs hiding in a marshy patch about 500 metres from the spot where the farmer was killed.

Due to the terrain, officials could not tranquillise the tigress immediately and kept a close watch through the night. The tigress later emerged from the bushes and moved nearly six kilometres in search of prey, with Forest staff and the elephant team tracking her closely.

Elephants Srikanta and Lakshmana were stationed away from the cubs while Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran (atop Mahendra), Veterinarian Dr. Mirza Waseem (on Bhima) and other Forest personnel (on Sugreeva and Prashantha) followed the tigress through dense vegetation and marshland.

At around 5.30 am, when the tigress reached an open patch, four elephants formed a strategic ring around her. Dr. Mirza fired a tranquilliser dart, successfully sedating her. She was then secured in a cage and transported to a safe location.

Challenging conditions

Soon after, Forest staff monitoring the cubs rescued them as well. Efforts are underway to reunite all five cubs with their mother and discussions are being held to bring the two cubs currently at Bannerghatta to Mysuru for reunification.

This high-risk rescue was carried out under challenging conditions, involving thick growth and difficult terrain.

Preliminary information suggests this tigress was involved in one human fatality, while two other deaths in the region were caused by a separate tiger recently captured with a metal snare around its neck.

Hediyala Assistant Conservator of Forests D. Paramesh, RFOs Rajesh and Anitha Raj, Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) teams and several Forest personnel were part of the combing operation.

Midnight Mugging

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When they reached the spot and Akash asked them to alight, the trio threatened him and forced him to drive towards J.K. Grounds.

At the gate of J.K. Grounds, the miscreants dragged Akash out of the car, assaulted him, took the car key and snatched his silver ornaments, cash and cards before speeding away in his vehicle.

Akash, who lost consciousness due to the assault, regained consciousness around 3 am to find himself bleeding heavily.

He managed to walk to the gate, where he spotted a two-wheeler rider and sought his help. The rider dropped him home, after which his family admitted him to a hospital. Once discharged, he filed a Police complaint.

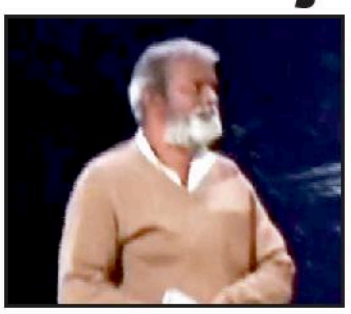
Questions raised on night patrolling

The incident has raised questions about the effectiveness of night patrolling in the city. Members of the public pointed out that despite recent murders and the sexual assault and murder of a minor girl, the City Police Commissioner had re-launched the Anti-Rowdy Squad and instructed jurisdictional police to intensify night patrolling to ensure safety.

Yet, this assault took place in the heart of the city, near the busy City Railway Station, which sees round-the-clock movement. Citizens have now expressed serious concerns about night-time safety and the alertness of the Police.

Sulwadi poisoning case

Prime accused walks out of jail on bail



Immadi Mahadevaswamy

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (BS)- Following the bail from Karnataka High Court, Immadi Mahadevaswamy, the prime accused in Sulwadi Temple prasada poisoning case, was released from Mysuru Central Prisons yesterday.

The Single-Judge Bench of HC had recently granted a conditional bail for a period of one year to Immadi Mahadevaswamy, former Junior Pontiff of Salur Mutt, Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar, to avail treatment for his ill-health.

Immadi Mahadevaswamy is among the four accused, who had been arrested and remanded to Judicial Custody, in the infamous Sulwadi Temple prasada poisoning case.

On Dec. 14, 2018, the accused had allegedly conspired to spike the prasada with poison at Kitchguth Maramma Temple, with the ulterior motive of gaining control over the Management Committee of the temple. As many as 17 devotees had died and over 100 were indisposed, following the consumption of the prasada.

Following the bail order, the relatives of the deceased and survivors, staged a flash protest, demanding the authorities concerned to file a fresh appeal at the Court, to cancel his bail order.

Also, memoranda have been submitted to Hanur MLA M.R. Manjunath, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shilpa Nag, Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr. B.T. Kavita and other officials.

Police foil dacoity bid at Hebbal: Two nabbed, hunt on for four

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (KS) - Hebbal Police have arrested two of six youths who were allegedly waiting on Hebbal Ring Road to loot factory workers in order to buy narcotic substances and fund other expenses.

The arrested accused are 19-year-old Mohammed Yousuf and 18-year-old Mudasir Pasha, both residents of the city. A hunt is on to nab their accomplices — Faraz, Mohammed Roshan, Syed Mubarak and Mohammed Maaz. Police have also seized a rented Maruti Swift car and a knife from the arrested duo.

The arrests were made when Hebbal Sub-Inspector Keerthi and staff Annappa Devadiga, Anand and S.B. Mohan Kumar were on night patrol on Nov. 15. Around 1.30 am, the team spotted a Maruti Swift and six individuals standing suspiciously near Shubodhini Junction close to the JK Tyre turning.

As the Police approached, four of them fled. The remaining two jumped into the car and attempted to speed away, but were quickly arrested.

During interrogation, Mohammed Yousuf and Mudasir Pasha reportedly confessed that the group was plotting a dacoity. They told the Police that the six had planned to rob people of cash and valuables to buy cigarettes, ganja and cover other personal expenses.

They had taken the Swift car on rent from one Buran of Shanthinagar around 11 pm. After renting the vehicle, the group roamed around N.R. Mohalla, Kalidasa Road and the Ring Road before heading towards Hebbal Industrial Area in search of factory workers to target.

Hebbal Police have registered a case and intensified efforts to trace the four who escaped.

CM's wife hospitalised

Bengaluru, Nov. 18 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife B.M. Parvathi has been admitted to a private hospital here yesterday, with complaints of respiratory problems.

According to Siddaramaiah's son and MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, who is monitoring the health condition of his mother at the hospital, Parvathi was rushed to Apollo Hospital in Seshadripuram, after she complained of respiratory problems. She is being treated at an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) by a team of doctors led by Dr. B.C. Srinivas.

Yesterday, Siddaramaiah was in New Delhi to meet PM Modi and the party High Command. After the meeting, Siddaramaiah returned to Bengaluru in the night, drove straight to the hospital and enquired his wife's health.

Sexual assault on minor girl

City Court sentences accused to 20 years jail

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (MK&KS)- The Mysuru Additional District & Sessions Court has sentenced an accused to 20 years jail term besides imposing a fine of Rs. 15,000 under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act after he was found guilty of sexually assaulting a minor girl.

The accused, who was convicted is H.M. Kiran, a resident of Dadaghatta village while the minor girl is a resident of a village in Periyapatna taluk, coming under Bettadapura Police limits.

On Mar. 22, 2023, Kiran, who had convinced the minor girl to go with him, took her to Hubballi and despite the accused being married, he tied *mangalasutra* to the minor girl and sexually assaulted her many times.

Following a complaint from the girl's mother, Bylakuppe Circle Inspector B.G. Prakash conducted investigation and had submitted a charge-sheet against accused Kiran to the Court.

Additional District & Sessions Court FTSC-I (Special Court for Trial of Cases Filed Under POCSO ACT) Judge Anand P. Hogade, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, found the accused guilty of the crime and sentenced him to 20 years rigorous imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 15,000. POCSO Special Court's Public Prosecutor K.B. Jayanthi argued on behalf of the Govt.

Prize winners of Fundermax Golf Championship

A group photo of the prize winners of 3rd Edition of Fundermax Golf Championship-2025 held from Nov. 6 to 8 at J.W. Golf Club, Mysuru. Seen are (sitting from left) JWGC Hon. Treasurer D.V. Sridhar, Golf Sports & Cultural Fundermax Chairman and Srinidhi Transchem Pvt. Ltd. Managing Director S. Murali, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce President Prashanth Gokale, JWGC Captain M.S. Yeshwanth, JWGC President H.S. Arun Kumar, Fundermax India Pvt. Ltd. Managing Director Prashanth Reddy, Fundermax Austria Board Director Znidaric Uros, Fundermax Procurator Management Gorinsek Primoz, JWGC Hon. Secretary K.S. Sudheer Bhat & Tournament Committee Chairman Phalguna V. Urs; (standing from left) Sonam Chugh, Sweth Karlmarx, Ashika Kushalappa, H.S. Gopinath, Giridhar Cavale, K.L. Jayaprakash, N. Nandisha, M. Chirayu, M.G. Chengappa, K.K. Chengappa, M.P. Rishabh, Dr. S.N. Chandan and T.N. Shashi Kumar.

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Following are the prize winners of 3rd Edition of Fundermax Golf Championship-2025 held from Nov. 6 to 8 at J.W. Golf Club, Mysuru:

Strokeplay Gross: M.G. Chengappa (71 Gross) - Winner; M. Chirayu (72 Gross) - Runner.

Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 12): Dr. S.N. Chandan (62 Net) - Winner; K.K. Chengappa (64 Net) - Runner.

Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 to 18): T.N. Shashi Kumar (63 Net) - Winner; Giridhar Cavale (65 Net) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18): N. Nandisha (43 Points) - Winner; K.L. Jayaprakash (40 Points) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over H.S. Umesh).

Stableford Net (H/C 19 to 24): M.P. Rishabh (44 Points) - Winner; Ashika Kushalappa (41 Points) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over A.S. Dhanush).

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Seniors Above 65 Years: H.S. Gopinath (39 Points) - Winner; M.B. Nanaiah (39 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Super Seniors Above 75 Years: B.S. Yeshgol (36 Points) - Winner.

Best Lady Golfer (Stableford Net H/C 0 to 30): Sonam Chugh (37 Points) - Winner.

Best IIID Architect Golfer - Men - Visiting (Stableford Net H/C 0 to 24): VKT Prasad - Winner; Vidyashankar Ramakrishna - Runner.

Best IIID Architect Golfer - Women - Visiting (Stableford Net H/C 0 to 24): Seema George - Winner; Swetha Karlmarx - Runner.

Best Fundermax BCIC Golfer (Stableford Net H/C 0 to 24): B.R. Preetham - Winner; Lt. Cdr. Madhav Vittal - Runner.

Straightest Drive - 5th Hole: M.S. Yeshwanth (On The Line) - Winner.

Nearest To The Pin - 2nd Hole: Girish M. Swamy (1 Feet 9 Inches) - Winner.

Nearest To The Pin - 15th Hole: Dr. Mukram Ulla Khan (4 Feet 7 Inches) - Winner.

A total of 305 golfers took part in the Championship sponsored by Fundermax India Pvt. Ltd., according to a press release from JWGC Tournament Sub-Committee Chairman Phalguna V. Urs and JWGC Hon. Secretary K.S. Sudheer Bhat.

Students shine in sports

Standing from left: Rohith, Amith, Abhishek Jha, Puneeth, Sathya Raju, Yashwanth, Sathish, Harshitha, Nandhini Malla, Monica, Nimisha and Manushree; (kneeling from left) Dhanush Gowda and Sinchana; (sitting from left) Weightlifting Coach P.R. Gurumurthy Bhat, Principal Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa and PE Director R. Nagendra.

Mysuru, Nov. 18- The students of Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru, have excelled in the recently held University of Mysore Inter-Collegiate Weightlifting, Karate and Kick-Boxing Competitions at the University of Mysore Sports Pavilion. The following students emerged as winners:

WEIGHTLIFTING

48-kg category : T.L. Sinchana - Gold Medal and Nandini Malla - Silver Medal

53-kg category: M. Harshitha - Gold Medal

58-kg category: Manushree - Gold Medal

69-kg category: M. Monica- Bronze Medal

60-kg category: Abhishek Jhaa - Gold Medal and C. Sathish - Silver Medal

65-kg category: S. Puneet - Gold Medal

88-kg category: Dhanush Gowda - Bronze Medal

110-kg category: B.M. Sathya Raju - Silver Medal

KARATE & KICK BOXING

N. Rakshitha (Kumite, Silver Medal).

P. Ravishankar (Kata - Gold Medal, Kumite-Silver Medal, Kickboxing - Silver Medal)

Seen are** (standing from left) **P. Govinda Raj, D. Mayur, N. Rakshitha and P. Ravishankar; (sitting from left) Weightlifting Coach P.R. Gurumurthy Bhat, Principal Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa and PE Director R. Nagendra.

P. Govinda Raj (Kata - Bronze Medal, Kumite - Silver Medal, Kickboxing - Silver Medal).

D. Mayur (Kumite - Bronze Medal); Pavan Rajesh (Karate - Bronze Medal).

P. Ravishankar has been selected to represent University of Mysore at the South Zone Inter-University Karate Tournament.

MYSORE RACES 2025

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Sea of Adventure' for Rajyotsava Trophy

Mysuru, Nov. 18- Following are the selections for the 1st day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025:

1.	2.00 PM	**THE NANJANGUD PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. PEARL OF MYSORE 2. EYE THE MIND*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE BIG DEAL PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. ABSOLUTE CONQUERER 2. POLAR WIND*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE FANTASY DREAM PLATE - DIV. II** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. BALAHAKA 2. SELMA*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE S.M. ATTAOLLAHI MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. MOANA 2. KLIMT*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE RAJYOTSAVA TROPHY** 1400 mts. - rated 60 and Above *1. SEA OF ADVENTURE 2. TRUE PUNCH*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE FANTASY DREAM PLATE - DIV. I** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. KNOTTY IN BLUE 2. AUTHENTIC BELL*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE B.R. HILLS PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. REIGN OF TERROR 2. MAGIC CIRCLE*

***DAY'S BEST:** BALAHAKA*

***DOUBLE:** 1. ABSOLUTE CONQUERER 2. REIGN OF TERROR*

***JACKPOT:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 **MINI JACKPOT:** 4, 5, 6, 7*

***I TREBLE:** 2, 3, 4 **II TREBLE:** 5, 6, 7*

EXACTAS:** 1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC

Ursu Mahila Trust presents
'Rajamaate Lakshammanni' Awards

Mysuru, Nov. 18 (GA&DM)- "Women play a major role in the country's economic growth and it is important that they should be brought to the mainstream society," said the Department of Space Director K.R. Adarsh Urs.

He was speaking at 'Rajamaate Lakshammanni' Awards conferment programme organised as part of the 5th anniversary of Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha Trust at Rotary West auditorium here on Sunday.

"The State and the Country can develop in real terms only if women get quality education and equal opportunities," he said.

RDPR Department Superintendent Engineer K.J. Sindhu Urs, in her address, said it was the erstwhile Mysore rulers who laid the foundation for the development of Mysuru and built the city with farsightedness and a distinct vision. Mysuru has become a model to the entire country because of the plans and programmes of the erstwhile rulers, she noted.

Manjula Urs (Cinema), Sharada Urs (Handicrafts), Monika Urs (Advertising) and Shubha Sanjay Urs (Social) were conferred with 'Rajamaate Lakshammanni' awards on the occasion.

Educationist Bhramara Bahaddur presided.

City's noted limerick writer Dr. M.G.R. Urs, Environmental Engineer of K.R. Pet Priyanka Urs, Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha Trust Founder-President P.B. Indukala Urs, Secretary Purnima Urs and others were present.

Samartha Sadvidya Inter-Collegiate Fest
Jnanodaya PU College bags Rolling Shield

Mysuru, Nov. 18-Sadvidya Composite PU College hosted ***Samartha Sadvidya,*** an inter-collegiate fest on Nov.12. The event was inaugurated by President of Sadvidya Educational Institutions Prof. M.S.K. Narahari Babu and Secretary M.D. Gopinath.

Around 300 students from different colleges participated in the day-long competition which featured a diverse range of events such as debate, dance, music, instrumental music, chess, mono-acting and quiz.

M.R. Sri Harsha, a renowned actor, singer and music composer, was the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony.

The students of Jnanodaya PU College bagged the Rolling Shield for the debate competition, chess competition and also received the Overall Trophy.

The students of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College and Sadvidya Composite PU College won the alternate trophy for the Kannada debate competition and quiz competition.

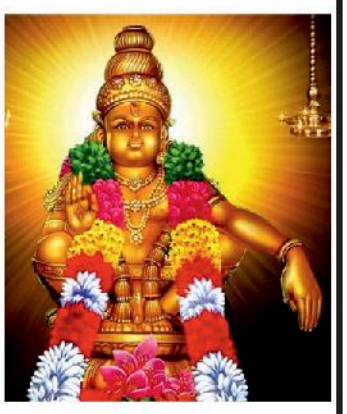
Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College have excelled across multiple events:

In Janapadageethe, K. V. Srujana and Sanjana Simha Rao secured the first and second places respectively. In Quiz, M. S. Vineeth and G.N. Chinmay bagged the first place while A. Rajath clinched the first place in Bhavageethe. B.N. Druthi and Saanvi Rao won the second place in Kannada and English debate respectively.

Sadvidya Semi-Residential students shine

*The prize winners of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College seen with (from left) **Arathi Arun (Cultural Convenor), Prof. M. S. K. Narahari Babu (President, Sadvidya Educational Institutions & Kaveri Charitable Trust), M.D. Gopinath (Secretary) and Dr. G.R. Kavitha (Principal, Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College).***

65th Annual Puja Celebrations
at Sree Ayyappa Swamy & Sree Guruvayurappan Temple



Mysuru, Nov. 18- Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi has organised 65th Annual Puja Celebrations at Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, Mysuru, in December as follows:

Dec. 20

5 am to 10 am: Maha Ganapathi Homa, Ghee Abhishekam, Alankara Puja to Sri Ayyappa Swamy with Vadyam, Astapathi Ganam with Edakka by Vadyakalarathna Sri Payyavoor Gopalan Kutty Marar and Party, Procession of Deity at Temple premises with Pandimelam, Ayyappan Kudiyiruthal.

3.30 pm to 7 pm: Palakkombu procession from Sri Ramalingeshwara Temple, Vidyaranyapuram and ends at temple followed by deity.

7 pm to 12 am: Ayyappan Vilakku, Palakkombu Nruthyam, Thirivuzhichil, Ayyappan Pattu & Prasada Viniyoga, Vettum Thadavum, Palkindi Procession, Konda, Mangalam.

26th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava

Dec. 21

6 pm to 9 pm: Dwajarohana.

Dec. 22

5.30 am to 12 noon: Maha Ganapathi Homa, Usha Puja, Chathushuddhi, Dara, Panchagavyam, Panchakam, Kalasa Puja, Seeveli, Procession with Vadyam, Kalasabhishekam, Ucha Puja.

5.30 pm to 9 pm: Deeparadhana, Attazha Pooja, Sree Bhootha Bali, Velakku, Prasada Viniyoga.

6.30 pm to 8.30 pm: Special Thayambaka by Vadyakalarathna Sri Payyavoor Gopalan Kutty Marar & Party.

Dec. 23

5.30 am to 12 noon: Maha Ganapathi Homa, Usha Puja, Seeveli Uthsava with Vadyam, Kalasabhishekam, Kalabhabhishekam (Gandhada Abhishekam), Abhisheka to God Ganapathi, Ucha Puja.

5.30 pm to 9 pm: Deeparadhana, Attazha Pooja, Sree Bhootha Bali, Velakku, Prasada Viniyoga.

Dec. 24

5.30 am to 12 noon: Maha Ganapathi Homa, Usha Puja, Seeveli, Navagam Panchagavyam Abhisheka to Lord Ayyappa, Ucha Puja.

4 pm to 9 pm: Deeparadhana, Yatre Bali, Yatre Homa, Deeparadhana & Arattu Procession, Arattu Pooja, Kodierakkal (Folding of Flag), Burning of Crackers, Attazha Pooja, Kalasabhishekam, Seeveli, Prasada Viniyoga.

During the period from Nov. 17, 2025 to Jan. 19, 2026, arrangements have been made for Maaladharane, Irumudi, bathing and accommodation at Sree Ayyappa Swamy Temple for the convenience of devotees undertaking the Vratha to Sabarimala.

Steps have also been taken to make Maale & Irumudi items available to devotees within the temple premises.

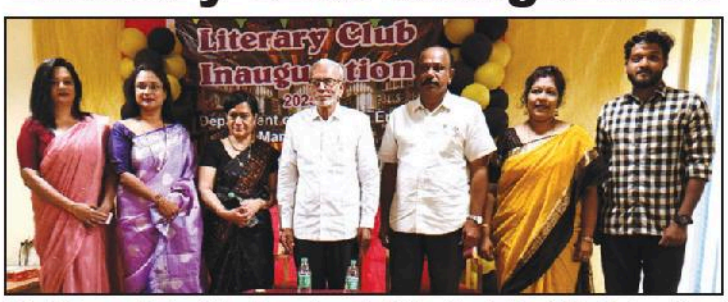
Daily Annadanam will be organised from Nov. 17, 2025 to Jan. 19, 2026, every day between 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm.

Maha Annadanam has been organised on all five days, from Dec. 20 to 24, between 12.30 pm and 3 pm.

On Jan. 14, 2026, Laksha Deepothsava has been arranged.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2484688.

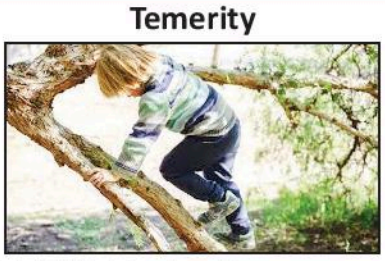
Literary Club inaugurated



The Literary Club of the Department of Studies in English, University of Mysore (UoM), was inaugurated by UoM Syndicate Member and retired English teacher Prof. Shabir Mohammed Mustafa at a programme held at the English Department recently. Department of Studies in English Chairperson Prof. Ramesh Jairamaiah, Prof. Krishna Manavalli, Dr. S. Soumya, Dr. M.B. Ashwini, Ashwini Venkatesh and Research Scholar Srinivas were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Temerity



Pronunciation: tuh-MAIR-uh-tee (noun).
Meaning: Temerity is the quality of being confident and unafraid of danger or punishment, especially in a way that seems rude or foolish. Temerity may also refer to a rash or reckless act.
Origin: When you're feeling saucy, there's no shortage of words in the English language you can use to describe the particular flavour of your metaphorical sauce, from audacity and effrontery to the Yiddish-derived fan favourite chutzpah. If we may be so bold, let us also suggest temerity: it comes from the Latin temere, meaning "recklessly" or "haphazardly," and is good for suggesting boldness even in the face of danger or likely punishment. Temerity is a formal word, rarely used in casual writing or conversation, but provided you have the cheek to flout this convention, you may be thinking "what have I got to lose?"
Example: "Once upon a time, music critics were known for being crankier than the average listener. [Taylor] Swift once castigated a writer who'd had the temerity to castigate her, singing, 'Why you gotta be so mean?'" — Kelefa Sanneh, The New Yorker, 25 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Tardiloquent

Speaking slowly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Time on your hands

Meaning: The phrase 'Time on your hands' refers to a period when you have nothing you must do.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Time on your hands' isn't known; what scholars do know, though, is that this saying is an old one. The earliest printed example available is from Charles Lamb's 1833 Last Essay of Elia: "It seemed to me that I had more time on my hands than I could ever manage.
Example: "These kids have too much time on their hands."

QUOTE BOX

You can't shake hands with a clenched fist. **— Indira Gandhi**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Alice through the looking glass.

SUDOKU

	1				3	4		
		3			4			2
9			2	6			1	
1	6					2		
		8				5		
		4					7	3
	7			2	1			5
3			9			6		
		9	8				2	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	7	6	8	5	3	1	2
5	6	3	9	1	2	4	8	7
2	1	8	4	3	7	6	9	5
3	9	6	2	5	1	8	7	4
1	8	5	7	6	4	9	2	3
7	2	4	8	9	3	1	5	6
4	3	2	1	7	9	5	6	8
8	7	1	5	4	6	2	3	9
6	5	9	3	2	8	7	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A head covering
4 Israeli carrier (2,2)
8 Drinks in small amounts
12 Estimated life expectancy
13 Strange as a prefix
14 Earnest request
15 Expose for drying
16 Ex-India paceman Yohannan
17 Engrossed
18 Rest and relaxation, abbr. (1,3,1)
20 Tech. Std. Order
22 Sounds of delight
25 Enterprise helmsman
28 Delays (5,2)
31 Day's march
33 Climbing vine
34 Dundee denial
36 Cent. Tele. Off.
37 Slightly drunk
40 Fasten onto (5,2)
43 The latest information
44 Hindu lawgiver
45 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
47 Long for
51 Scheme of procedure
54 Party
57 'Sea' in French
58 Slang for gangster
59 Not in time
60 Electronic Instrument Sys.
61 Popular snack Masala ___
62 Tropical fruit
63 U-turn from SSW

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	A	B		S	R	O		V	I	O	L	
L	O	U		T	E	D		E	S	H	A	
M	A	D	E	E	A	S	Y	T	E	M	P	
	A	D	D	R	E	S	S	E	E	S		
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E	C	E				E	R	A	S	E		
I	T	S	E	L	F	Y	A	N	K	E	D	
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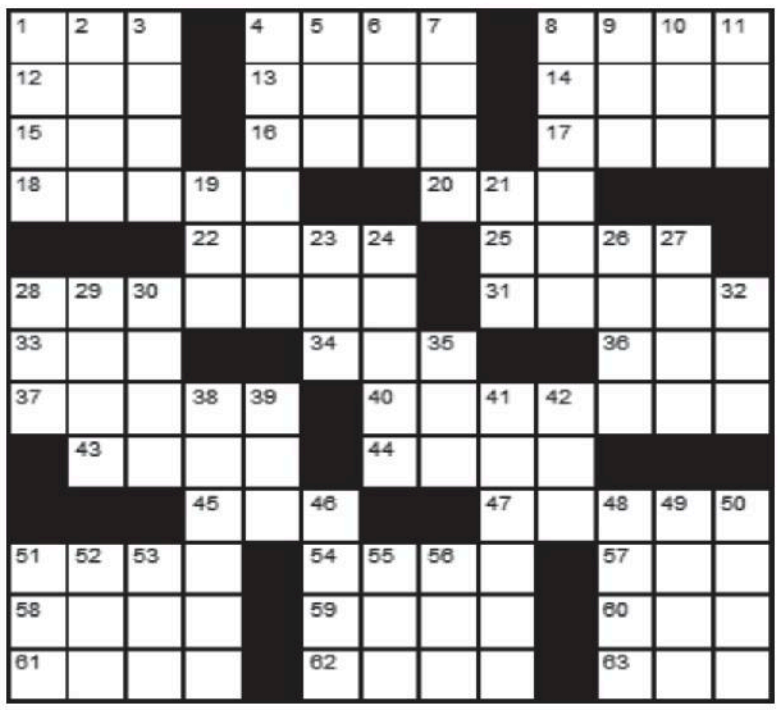
		P	A	S	T	S	E	P	O	Y		
T	O	O	K	T	H	E	R	A	P			
G	U	R	U	D	I	S	C	R	E	E	T	
U	S	E	S	A	N	P		R	O	E		
S	H	O	E	Y	E	N		S	S	E		

DOWN

1 Listen
2 Inter __
3 Sea bird
4 No balls and wides
5 Garland from Hawaii
6 Girl's name - "Nan" changed?
7 Rough person
8 Germinate
9 ___ Arun : playback singer?
10 ___ up : enthuse or elate?
11 Day after Fri.
19 Man about house, should we say?
21 U-turn from NNW
23 Attila was one
24 A muscle contraction
26 Be in need of
27 As far as (2,2)
28 Masculine pronoun
29 Cooking space
30 String instrument
32 Long time
35 Greek vowel
38 Its capital is Kigali
39 Designer's monogram
41 Twelfths of a foot
42 Mongrel
46 In a competent manner
48 So be it
49 Blood-vessel
50 Gaelic dialect of the Scottish Highlands
51 Advanced degree abbr
52 Lavatory (informal)
53 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
55 Slim battery type
56 Short term mem.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XT M AMW XB WRC ERWCUWC XW CQU

BCMCU QU XB XW, QU IXKK WRC JU ERWCUWC

XW CQU BCMCU QU IRPKV JU XW.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It requires a very unusual mind to undertake the analysis of the obvious.

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  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
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  De De Pyaar De 2 (H) - 3 Shows

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The Running Man (E)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 10.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter -1 (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Brat (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1 pm
Spider Man 1 (E)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Jai (Tulu)	(S-2)	7 pm
Hikora (K)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 1 pm, 10.10 pm
I Am God (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Haq (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Full Meals (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Love OTP (K)	(S-4)	1 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	(S-4)	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Gatha Vaibhava (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm; (S-2) 9.35 pm
Kite Brothers (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Jai (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Athi Bheekara Kaamukam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
Brat (K)	(S-2	1.10 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am
Madharas Mafia Company (Ta)	(S-2	4.05 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Kantara : A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	(S-4)	6.25 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kaantha (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Spider-Man 2 (E)	:	9.50 am
The Running Man (E)	:	10.05 am, 5.10 pm, 10 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Now You See Me: Now You Don't (E)	:	11.25 am, 8 pm
Brat (K)	:	12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Jai (Tulu)	:	12.40 pm
The Godfather Coda (E)	:	1.25 pm
I Am God (K)	:	1.55 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	4 pm, 9.50 pm
Predator: Badlands (E-3D)	:	4.15 pm
HAQ (H)	:	4.40 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 , 6.55, 10 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 7.10 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm
The Running Man (E)	:	10.05 am, 7.30 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.25 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.15 pm, 10.20 pm
I Am God (K)	:	4 pm
Jai (K)	:	4.10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 18)

- **Sri Raga Sangama:** Musical Evening of Kannada film songs composed by musical duo Rajan-Nagendra, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Children's Day celebrations, Dance and Music Programme by Ganabharathi School of Music and Dance, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 19)

- **Dr. Babu Jagijvan Ram Study, Research and Extension Centre, KSOU:** Workshop on 'Safai Karmacharis,' MCC Commissioner Shaik Tanveer Asif inaugurates, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Cauvery Auditorium, KSOU premises, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar - Handicrafts Exhibition and Sale, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata Tatparya Nirnaya' by Pt. Sri Vyasatheerthacharya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**

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Nov. 19: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, 'Krishna Sakhi,' a musical feature based on the poems of H.S. Venkatesha Murthy; Concept and Music Direction - Vidu. Sunitha Chandrakumar; Presented by Raghuleela School of Music — Pratham Bhat, Navneetha Krishna, Sahjeet Chandrakumar, Nagalakshmi Bhargavaram, Rohini Gayatri, Vaishnavi Madhukar, Samhitha Srinivasa, Bhuvana Bhat and Rashmi Surya; Kapila Sridhar, Sameer Rao - Flute; C. Vishwanath - Mandolin; Sangeeth Thomas - Keyboard; Bheemashankar Bidanur - Tabla; Vinay Kumar Rangadhol - Rhythm Pad, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Vidu. Sunitha

Kapila *Sameer* *Vishwanath* *Sangeeth* *Bheemashankar* *Vinay*

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Running Man (E)	:	9.25 am, 4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	9.45 am, 4 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	1 pm , 10.30 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	7.10 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	1.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Udaala (K)	:	3.35 pm

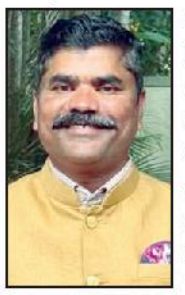
MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Iniyana Aatma (K)	:	10 am
Kaantha (Te)	:	10 am, 10.20 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	10.15 am, 7.15 pm
Hikora (K)	:	1 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
The Running Man (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Kite Brothers (K)	:	3.45 pm
Brat (K)	:	4.05 pm
Premam Madhuram (K)	:	6.50 pm
Jai (Tulu)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

JSS Phone-in programme

Mysuru, Nov. 18- JSS Radio 91.2 FM Community Radio Station has scheduled a live interview and phone-in programme tomorrow (Nov. 19) from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm with K. Paramesh, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Mysuru Territorial Division.



K. Paramesh

The public may call on Ph: 0821-2546563 or Mob: 82967-25912 and speak directly with the DCF regarding any questions, concerns, rumours or suggestions related to human-wildlife conflict and forest conservation.

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Heritage walk in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov.18 (DM)- As part of World Heritage Week, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage has organised a Heritage Walk for trainees at the Postal Training Centre (PTC) in Nazarbad at 7 am tomorrow (Nov.19).

Later, a lecture series will be held on the topic '*Bhuvaneshwari, Vidyaranya & Vijayanagara: Yenee Itihasa*' at the Department office in Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) premises at 11 am. Noted Historian of the city Dr. Vasundhara Filliozat will deliver talk. Entry is free.

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